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LETTER

Judge Thomas M. Durkin
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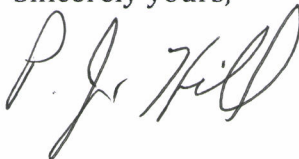
Judge Durkin,

I am writing with respect to the case before you of J. Dennis Hastert, former Speaker of the House of Representative. I was a Professor of Economics at Wheaton College from 1986 through 2011, retiring in June of 2011. During the last 8 years of my time there I came to know Speaker Hastert reasonably well as he was on campus frequently and often interacted with my students and me. I joined the Advisory Board of the J. Dennis Hastert Center for Economics, Government, and Public Policy at Wheaton College in April of 2013. In that capacity I became even better acquainted with Speaker Hastert through Advisory Board meetings and at functions where he would interact with students and faculty.

In all of my interaction with Mr. Hastert I was impressed with his genuine concern for the Wheaton College students and with his desire that they be exposed to the best of public policy thinking. He gave generously of his time and talents and never failed to extend a helping hand to students who wanted extra information about the intersection of politics and economics.

I ask that you take into account Mr. Hastert's long record of exemplary public service and his clear commitment to the common good of the United States in your sentencing decision.

Sincerely yours,



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